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In re Application of:)

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For: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR)
ROUTING OF OPTICAL BEAMS VIA TIME-)
DOMAIN SPATIAL-SPECTRAL FILTERING)

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 28, 2002, the Applicants submit the following Remarks and Request for Reconsideration. The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Please credit any overpayment to the same deposit account.

Kindly enter the following Amendment.